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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : Vehicle for the Director of Central Intelligence

1. This memorandum submits a recommendation for your approval; this recommendation is contained in paragraph 4.

2. Following our unsuccessful attempt to lease from General Motors Corporation a Cadillac limousine, I asked the Director of Logistics to determine the cost of modifying a medium sedan to meet the basic requirements of a vehicle for the DCI. These requirements are:

a. Limousine configuration (glass partitioning) for security of conversation.

b. Air conditioning.

3. The basic vehicle in the medium sedan category varies only \$431.00 from the most expensive (Mercury) to the least expensive (Oldsmobile, Jet Star-88). Glass partitioning for all makes is an additional \$1,500.00 and air conditioning for all makes is an additional \$500.00. These additions result in:

Buick Lesabre Custom V-8	\$5,024.00
Pontiac Star Chief	5,106.00
Chrysler Newport V-8	5,024.00
Dodge Polara 880	5,205.00
Oldsmobile Jet Star-88	4,938.00
Mercury	5,369.00

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In every case the glass partitioning will restrict the leg room in the rear seat so that riding may be uncomfortable and getting in and out will be hampered. Furthermore, these modifications will not add to the resale value of the vehicle when it is ready for disposal.

4. In view of:

- a. The high cost of converting a medium sedan to meet the basic requirements in paragraph 2 above, and
- b. The unsatisfactory restriction of leg room after conversion, and
- c. The mileage which experience shows will render the Director's vehicle uneconomically repairable in four years,

Signed

R. L. Bannerman
Deputy Director
for Support

The recommendation contained in paragraph 4 is approved:

L. K. White
Executive Director-Comptroller

Date _____

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